



THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Our annual Christmas Faire at the end of this month kicks off our holiday season at our beautiful Woodward Mansion! Many members have been working diligently to make our 2022 event very special. The Faire is being held on November 29th, 30th and December 1st. On Saturday morning, December 3rd, Santa and Mrs. Clause will be at the club and guests will have the opportunity to have BREAKFAST WITH SANTA. Our Christmas decorating team includes many new members who are working to bring "GLITZ and GLAMOUR," our theme, to the Mansion. If you know someone who would like to be a vendor, please contact Jennifer Brearley, 210-313-3089 or Patricia Broyles 210-288-8116. The application is online. This year we will have one lunch seating per day beginning at 11:30 a.m., however if some members decide they would like to bring a larger group of friends in the afternoon a second seating can be scheduled with our House Supervisor, Tina Zimmerman, 210 732-4811. She already has begun taking luncheon reservations. Our Faire includes shopping with vendors, freshly made baked goods, traditional gingerbread houses, beautiful music and an opportunity for festive holiday fellowship. More details on Christmas Faire events will be in this newsletter. Sheets are available for members to sign up if they would like to help during these three days. "Tis the season to be jolly," join in the fun, and you will catch the Christmas spirit.

Our Jazz Alive Fall Luncheon was spectacular. Stan Wayne's smooth listening music of the 1950's had many of our members on their feet, dancing and singing. Several SACC employees rushed upstairs to see our beautifully coiffed ladies, wearing their finery, laughing and clapping in unison, some even doing the can-can! It was a great luncheon, but we also raised funds for our Woman's Club. It was a little cool in the ballroom, so many beautiful scarves and shawls were purchased to wear on the spot from



our Boutique. New items included many beautiful pieces of jewelry and the Boutique had an exceptional day. We had a successful Wine Pull and our pretty leopard jacket was a popular raffle item. Our Silent Auction was very popular and much money was raised for our philanthropies and our continued restoration of our historic mansion. I was thrilled to see so many of our members participating in every aspect of our luncheon. Everyone was smiling as they walked around the ballroom helping each other fulfill their assignments. It does "take a village" and working together as a TEAM, WE made this luncheon a success. My thanks to each of you!



We had a special guest at our October general meeting, Eugenia "GeeGee" Thorn, a great granddaughter of David Woodward. On display at the meeting were family items that she donated to The Woman's Club of San Antonio. She explained that she was the only great granddaughter, so the family treasures were given to her. She felt the Woodward Mansion should be the permanent home for them. GeeGee

has completed all her requirements to be a member of our Woman's Club, and although she lives in Dallas, plans to come to San Antonio and join us as we lovingly care for the original Woodward family home.

Our Vice President, Sandra Ojeda Medina, planned a very special program to honor our Past Presidents. She asked a celebrity San Antonio newscaster and our member, Elizabeth Ruiz, to interview our Past Presidents. She asked them each a question or two, and we loved hearing their memories. Sandra presented each Past President a linen monogrammed handkerchief. She also acknowledged those members who were Life members and also our Patrons who help sustain our Woman's Club. A real highlight of the program was having a talented member, Linda Purcell, play our club song "To A Wild Rose." Thank you, Sandra, for honoring our members in such a beautiful way.



Virginia Van Cleave
President of The Woman's Club of San Antonio

TEAM: TOGETHER EVERYONE ACCOMPLISHES MORE



Elizabeth Ruiz gets some laughs and some lessons learned from our Past Presidents. From left to right: Jane Stone, Jean French, Kathy Littlefield, Betty Lewandowski, and Nell Still Pichler.

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Ladies, we started our new year with our traditional Fall Luncheon at the San Antonio Country Club. It was delightful with the sounds of Stan Wayne, who started out singing Jazz tunes but quickly turned to rock n' roll and yes, ladies got up to dance. It was impressive to see all the lovely hats and attire but most impressive to me was one member who showed up with a lovely black hat adorned with a bright pink flower and then she wore long bright pink gloves, such an elegant look. A fashion look we should bring back, after all, our female coronation participants are expected to wear gloves. Thank you to all who attended. As you start to put into your calendar your 2023 events, mark the third Wednesday in June, July and August for our Summer Luncheons and the third Wednesday in September for our traditional Fall Luncheon. These events are fundraisers and it's another opportunity to have FUN.

Our October meeting program was a recognition of former WC Presidents. Elizabeth Ruiz was our Mistress of Ceremony. She introduced 5 past presidents who were in attendance and also our current president. Elizabeth was so entertaining in the questions she asked. Thank you to Elizabeth and the presidents who seemed to enjoy answering the questions. WC Past President's in attendance:

Mrs. Nelle Still Pichler	1994 – 1996	Mrs. Betty Lewandowski	1996 – 1998
Mrs. Kathy Littlefield	2010 – 2012	Mrs. Jean French	2014 – 2016
Mrs. Jane Stone	2020 – 2022		

President Virginia Van Cleave was also introduced and asked what legacy she hopes to accomplish during her two years of service. As a token of appreciation to their legacy, a linen handkerchief with the initials WC was given to each. Another part of the program included announcing special memberships. For 2022 – 2023, we have 30 Life Members, 4 Life Members/Patrons and 6 Patrons. Thank you to these members who have met eligibility and have chosen to contribute beyond regular dues. (refer to page 42 in our yearbook for details)

At our November meeting, we will hear the story of Sonju, a young woman coming of age who struggles to find a place for herself in South Korea. Author Wondra Chang will take us through Sonju's journey. Ladies, make plans to attend our November meeting and bring a friend who is looking to do something new and perhaps different. We gather to share and partake in a good meal.

Stay well and see you in November.

With warm regards,

Sandra

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Patricia Porter	Nov 3
Tawana Timberlake	Nov 6
Vonzetta Hickman	Nov 9
Christy Hackenberry	Nov 10
Marjorie Douglas	Nov 11
Mary Theresa Casiano	Nov 13
Jaelyn Marais	Nov 16
Pat Cavanaugh	Nov 17
Mona Thaxton	Nov 18
Maria Duran	Nov 19



Kay Turner	Nov 20
Patricia Williams	Nov 21
Gloria Almaraz	Nov 23
Monica Bridges	Nov 24
Diana Balli Taylor	Nov 25
Chula Boyle	Nov 28
Gretchen Hill	Nov 30
Krystal Patel	Nov 30
Flora Tallman	Nov 30



THE FRIENDS OF CASA NAVARRO

Present

A Concert under the Stars

Performed by

The San Antonio Symphonic Band

Tuesday, November 29, 2022. 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Benefiting

The National Historic Landmark & Educational Projects



Hot Chocolate - Pan Dulce - Coffee

**CASA NAVARRO STATE HISTORIC SITE
& NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK**

228 South Laredo Street
San Antonio Texas



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For information contact Sandy Salinas 210.365.5536

<https://www.friendsofcasanavarro.org/donate>

Paid Advertizing



Fiesta 2023 Teen

Royalty was announced at the
October Meeting.

Teen Queen: Laurel Miller

Teen Princess: Melody Hays

Congratulations to these outstanding
young women! You will represent us
well.



Teen Princess - Melody Hays



L to R: Virginia Van Cleave, Molly Allen, Jane Stone, Laurel Miller, Orbilia Hayes, Stacey Bradford-Miller (Mom), Kaye Bradford (Grandmother)

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Our Silent Auction at our Fall Luncheon was a success due to our generous donors and bidders and that includes members and friends! THANK YOU!!

Here is a list of some of our donors: Sharon Alexander, Donna Balli, Sandra Bradley, Ferne Burney, Johanna Christiansen, Maria Cyr, Lea S. Fagin, Iris Francis, Christy Hackenberry, Helen Henderson, Gretchen Hill, Hilda B. Irizarry, Helen Jones, Chef Max Klug, Patti Landacre, Gina Langley, Marsha Metz, Michele Moad-Hageman, Elizabeth Neely, Linda Parsons, Krystal Patel, Karen Rogers, Sandy Salinas, Tinker Mass Schultz,

Diana Balli Taylor, Becky Torres, Kay Turner, Virginia Van Cleave, Barbara Vander, Patti Villarreal, and Ginger Vlieger. A “thank you” also to our faithful helpers: Stacey Bradford-Miller, Helen Henderson, Gretchen Hill, Helen Jones, Gina Langley, Darcy Scrimshire, and Robin Steinhauser.

A HUGE THANK YOU to Tina Zimmerman, our House Supervisor, for her tireless efforts on behalf of our Club! Thank you, Tina!

Ginger Vlieger
Silent Auction Chairman

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

We have received applications for membership in the Woman’s Club of San Antonio for:

- ❖ Arabella Dalton
- ❖ Beverly Heyen
- ❖ Hillary Patton
- ❖ Verna Quaranto

Their applications will be presented for a vote to the Board of Directors. If anyone has any questions, please contact Virginia.



SAC NEWS: WOMAN’S CLUB PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIP GIFT TO EMPOWERMENT CENTER

The Woman’s Club of San Antonio presented a \$20,000 gift to provide scholarships for nontraditional, underserved students who receive support from the SAC Empowerment Center. The funds will be used to award 20 scholarships worth \$1,000 each to students this fall.

The Woman’s Club has partnered with the Empowerment Center since 2011, providing \$10,000 yearly scholarships for the annual WE Conference.

Pictured, left to right: Emily Hernandez, generalist, Empowerment Center; Sandra Ojeda Medina, vice president, Woman’s Club; Sara Duncan, SAC student, Christina Horton, interim dean for Student Success; Dr. Helen Vera, director of Empowerment Center; Virginia Van Cleave, president of Woman’s Club; Jane Stone, immediate past president of Woman’s Club; Sandra Whittaker, scholarship chair of Woman’s Club; Angela Rivera, SAC student; Blanca Castillo, SAC student.

The Woman’s Club of San Antonio was organized October 1, 1898. We consistently strive to live up to our mission statement: For mutual improvement and cooperation in all charitable and educational undertakings that pertain to the greater good of humanity. We welcome new members all year to come and join us! Visit our website at www.thewomansclubofsa.org under the MEMBERSHIP tab for information and application.

UPCOMING LUNCHEONS AND EVENTS

Sandra Ojeda Medina, Vice-president

RSVP to the Woman's Club office @ 210-732-4811 for credit card payment or online at:

<https://wcsa.ticketleap.com/day-of-the-dead-luncheon/>



**WOMAN'S CLUB
OF SAN ANTONIO
DAY OF THE DEAD
LUNCHEON
OCTOBER 27**

10:30 TO 1:00 \$40 A TICKET

COSTUME CONTEST PRIZES

RSVP 210 732 4811

<https://wcsa.ticketleap.com/day-of-the-dead-luncheon/>



Day of the Dead Luncheon!
October 27 Th.
From 10:30 til 1:00.
Price per person \$40
RSVP 210 732 4811

This beautiful ceramic Katrina will be for the raffle. You may purchase your raffle ticket at any event at the Mansion in October. \$5 a ticket or 5 for \$20

COME SEE HER

General meeting reservations at:
<https://wcsa.ticketleap.com/november-general-meeting-wondra-chang/>

The Woman's Club at San Antonio
Presents
Wondra Chang, Award Winning Author
Book Lecture
Sonju

Wednesday, November 2, 2022

Luncheon Cost is \$30.00
10:30 a.m. Social
11:00 a.m. Meeting

Please make your reservations no later than 12:00 Noon the Monday prior to the Wednesday Meeting by calling 210-732-4811 or online at

<https://wcsa.ticketleap.com/november-general-meeting-wondra-chang/>

Menu
Classic Oven Roasted Turkey with Cider Gravy
Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Apple, Sausage and Pecan Dressing
Bread Pudding



Care and Concern:

As reported from Barbara Vander

Reminder: Please send Care and Concern requests to Barbara Vander, barbjvan.WCSA@gmail.com. Due to privacy, only announcements approved by a family member will be published. If you are aware of an Event of Concern, please send this information directly to Barbara and she will make sure what information the family wishes to share. If concerning death, please give information related to funeral and preference for gifts/flowers. Please let her know who the member is, relationship to person and where cards and messages should be sent.

- ❖ Member Judy Willingham has had a recurrence of her cancer. Encouragement in the form of cards or calls would be appreciated. Cards may be mailed to: 2915 MacCaskey Ridge, San Antonio, TX 78258
- ❖ After a quick trip to the ER for heart problems, exacerbated by a flu shot Barbara Neimann is recuperating at home. Notes or well wishes can be sent to her at: 15011 Digger Dr, San Antonio, TX 78247
- ❖ Past member Connie Linville has passed. Her service was held at University Methodist on October 1th.

Golden Book

Submitted by: Sandy Salinas, Golden Book Chairman

- ❖ In Memory of member Elizabeth Moad, by Ginger Vlieger

Geegee Thorn, great-granddaughter of Dave and May Woodward (pictured below with Jane Stone), joined us at our October meeting. She shared some stories of the Woodward House and of the beautiful tea set, china, decorative bowls, and chairs that she and her family have donated to the Woman's Club. Pictured to the left is a family shot from the 96th birthday party for Eugenia (Genie) Tips Cross. Genie celebrated with her 4 children, many of her grandchildren, great grandchildren, and other extended family. Genie Tips Cross is a granddaughter of Dave and May Woodward.



Woman's Club of San Antonio
1717 San Pedro, San Antonio

CHRISTMAS FAIRE

TIME!

Make those reservations now at:

<https://wcsa.ticketleap.com/christmas-at-the-mansion/>



Christmas Faire & Luncheon

November 10 til 2
29, 30, 1st

Luncheon will be
served at 11:30
\$45 per person

RSVP 210 732 4811
www.Ticketleap.com

Do your Christmas Shopping
with us!

CHRISTMAS FAIRE MENU

November 29th

- ❖ Balsamic Strawberry Marinated Pork Tenderloin
- ❖ Potato Gratin
- ❖ Butter Carrots with Olives and Parsley
- ❖ Carrot Cake

November 30th

- ❖ Roasted Chicken Breast w/ Pear Chutney
- ❖ Herbed Wild & Brown Rice
- ❖ Savory Green Beans
- ❖ Red Velvet Cake

1 December

- ❖ Beef Tips with Cherries
- ❖ Creamy Mashed Potatoes
- ❖ Green Beans Almondine
- ❖ Vanilla Bean Cake

Meals will be served with rolls and seasonal salad or soup



Making the Mansion a Christmas Show Place

Elaine Staller, Counselor of Round Tables

Woodward House dressed for Christmas is an awesome sight! The addition of bright pink and lime green to this year's palette promises an exciting new look for our 2022 Christmas Faire. Round table chairs aren't giving up all their secrets, but we do know which areas of the mansion each group will decorate.

Fiesta will make the basement entrance welcoming to guests and direct them to the festivities, and *Noontide* will glamorize that all-important first floor bathroom. Our *Ingenues* are bringing their own style to the foyer's

piano. Expect lots of ornaments there!

Carousel will display special pieces in the foyer niches, while *American Home and Garden* will transform the library into our fabulous Bake Shoppe. AH&G will use plenty of greenery and ornaments but promises to leave ample space for those delicious baked goods.

Three groups will focus on the dining rooms, coordinating their efforts for a cohesive presentation. *Books and Letters* will decorate the mantle with colorful greenery and a few surprises. *Friendship* plans an elegant display for the buffet, and *Soiree* will ensure that the dining tables are festive.

The holiday mood continues as we move upstairs, with *Bridge* carrying the theme to the first landing and *Modernist* to the second. *Fine Arts* members will apply their talents to the columns, the second floor, and both upstairs bathrooms. Don't be surprised to see Christmas trees in those bathrooms, and touches of frivolity throughout. **Decorating is scheduled for November 12 and 13. Please join your round table(s) in this effort as we make our Christmas vision a reality.**

Bake Shoppe

Marsha Metz, Chairman



We are asking all members of the Club who are bakers to help us with the always-popular Bake Shoppe during the Christmas Faire. **Items should be delivered to the Club library by 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 29th.** We need savory baked goods, in addition to the usual sweets. For the baked goods offerings, we are asking you to provide the following:

1. Cookies, cakes, breads, Danish, donuts, pastries, pies and any other items that are prepared by baking the item in the oven. Other items are canned jam or jelly, or a dried herb or herb mix.
2. Items should be already portioned, wrapped, or bagged in clear or see-through packaging. Buyers want to see what they are buying. Bake Shoppe will price the items.
3. The items should be labeled with your name, The Woman's Club of San Antonio, 1717 San Pedro, San Antonio, Texas 78212.
4. The label should also state: "This food is made in a home kitchen and is not inspected by the Department of State Health Services or Health Dept.
5. The label must state the name of the product.
6. Your label should also include any ingredients that may be allergens such as egg, nuts, soy, peanuts, wheat, or milk.
7. A way to be in compliance with Cottage Food Law regulations could be to include your recipe on the package along with the rest of the labeling information.

Bake Shoppe Chairman **Marsha Metz** will provide labels that will be ready for you to fill out if you are not able to produce your own labels. Questions? Contact Marsha at (210) 732-5600 or mcmetz@sbcglobal.net.

Remember to send pictures or announcements that you would like to see on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Thewomansclubofsa>), our website (<http://www.thewomansclubofsa.org>), or in a future issue of the newsletter. They can be emailed to: womansclubnewsletter@gmail.com